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### "BE THE BOSS TOMORROW – EMPOWER YOURSELF WITH ICT"

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#### **YOUTH - KNOW THY SELF**

"To succeed in life, you need to know yourself, discover your strengths and your weaknesses" – Anonymous.

### WHO IS THE BOSS?

'The boss is an employer, a person in charge..." New Webster's Dictionary of the English Language.

### BE THE BOSS! HOW?

✓ Discover

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- ✓ Acquire
- ✓ Explore
- ✓ Focus
- ✓ Extend

### **DISCOVER**

Discover the possibilities within the ICTs

✓ Participate in Seminars, workshop and free trainings.

### ACQUIRE

Acquire the knowledge and skills of ICT

- ✓ Develop basic computer literacy skills
- ✓ Engage in the use of the Internet

### **EXPLORE**

Explore and utilize the knowledge and skills in areas like:

- ✓ web design
- ✓ publishing
- ✓ photo and film editing
- ✓ databases
- ✓ software development
- ✓ programming
- ✓ networking

All these areas can provide gainful employment

#### **FOCUS**

Focus on the area of personal interest

- ✓ Follow your passion
- ✓ Build your confidence
- ✓ Deepen your knowledge

Enhance your expertise in a particular area.

#### EXTEND AND INNOVATE

- Participate in projects related to the immediate environment. (school, home, community or workplace)
- Extend beyond your areas of core competence or comfort zone.



# BEING YOUR BOSS: THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

- Attitude is everything. The way we think, the way we behave, the way we make our choices.
- Commitment determines whether you succeed or fail.
- Courage: You need courage to undertake adventure
- See problems as opportunities in disguise
- Keep the end result in sight
- Develop the survival instinct.

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### The Nigerian Youth & the Digital Divide



IBM Thinkpad Tablet Technology - putting the power of the pen and mobile computer to work!







Apple Ipod

"The Foundation of every State is the Education of its Youth." Diogenes (c.400-c.325 B.C.)

### **NIGERIA – ICT PENETRATION:**

- Nigeria is Africa's biggest ICT market & one of the biggest worldwide
- 20% of sub-Saharan Africans are Nigerians
- Recent revolution & growth in Nigeria's telecoms sector is the reason for Africa's new telecoms growth rating – the fastest growing in the world
- Telephony adoption has grown faster than internet and computer; internet is the worst hit; penetration has been very slow:
  - Population = over 130 million
  - Internet users = (1.8 million); 2% of population
  - Internet banking consumers = only 500,000
  - Internet access points in the country = 800,000: (offices, 77.4%; homes, 18.9%; cyber cafés, 4.7%)
  - At least 5 persons to 1 Internet access point

- About 10 million Nigerians currently use computers
- Number of computers are:
  - $Corporate\ entities = 2.5 million\ (2005\ est.)$
  - Individuals = 4.6 million (2005 est.)
  - 18,500 people to 1 computer

(Sources: ITU, NCC, National Space Research and Development Agency (NSRDA) 2005); Research & EIG)

### NIGERIA'S TELEPHONE STATISTICS

	Dec-99	Dec-00	Dec-01	Dec-02	Dec-03	Dec-04	Dec-05
Fixed Lines	473,316	553,374	600,321	702,000	872,473	1.027m	1.223m
Mobile Lines	35,000	35,000	266,461	1.569m	3.149m	9.174m	18.587m
Total	508,316	588,374	866,782	2.271m	4.021m	10.201m	19.810m
Tele- density	0.45	0.51	0.73	1.89	3.35	8.50	15.72

- ✓ In Nigeria, telephone subscription has been growing by an average of about 80% per annum for the past 4 years
- ✓ Every Nigerian is projected to have at least one telephone line by the year 2020
- ✓ Microsoft's Bill Gates is currently working on introducing a specially configured cellular phone which can be converted into a computer by connecting it to a TV and a keyboard the Cellular PC
- ✓ This technology when introduced, would make life and business easier for all

### GLOBAL INTERNET PENETRATION

	Population (2006)	Internet users (2006)	Internet penetration/population (%)
World	6,499,697,060	1,022,063,282	15.7%
Africa	915,210,928	23,649,000	2.6%
United States	331,473,276	225,801,428	68.1%
United Kingdom	60,139,274	37,800,000	62.9%
Singapore	3,601,745	2,421,000	67.2%
Taiwan	22,896,488	13,800,000	60.3%
China	1,306,724,067	111,000,000	8.5%
India	1,112,225,812	50,600,000	4.5%
South Africa	48,861,805	3,600,000	7.4%
Egypt	71,236,631	5,000,000	7.0%
Nigeria	159,404,137	1,769.700	1.1%



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### ICT = WEALTH

Name	Position on Rich List	Company/Country	Worth (\$bn.)
Bill Gates	1st	Microsoft/USA	\$46.5
Carlos Slim Helu	4 <sup>th</sup>	Telmex/Mexico	\$23.8
Paul Allen	7 <sup>th</sup>	Microsoft/USA	\$21
Lawrence Ellison	12 <sup>th</sup>	Oracle/USA	\$18.7
Dell	18 <sup>th</sup>	Dell/USA	\$13

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### ICT = WEALTH

#### Global IT market:

- ✓ worth an estimated \$270bn
- ✓ currently grows by 6.0% per annum
- ✓ expected to reach \$330bn by 2008

#### African IT market:

- ✓ worth over \$11bn
- ✓ grows at an average of 5.4% per annum
- ✓ expected to reach \$8bn

#### Nigerian IT market:

- ✓ grossly untapped
- ✓ worth over \$5bn
- ✓ grows at an average of 9.5% per annum
- ✓ has capacity to contribute at least 10% of country's GDP in the next 5 years

## Don't think you're too young!



### THE DIGITAL DIVIDE – PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS



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### PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION (1)

- A popular advert on CNN helps illustrate how life's opportunities can be lost when we fail to keep pace with technology
- An old woman places a call with an old analogue phone
- She is informed that she is the winner of a \$1million price and asked to press '1' to get further details on how to get her price
- But she uses the outdated analogue phone which does not have touch-tone
- She kept trying to press '1' on the analogue set and on 3rd try was informed that she has lost out
- In today's digital age, the future is for youths who adopt technology to improve their lives

### PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS (2)

- A lazy employee who never checks his mail was fired via email.
- He came to work for three full days without realising he had been fired.
- Meanwhile everyone was aware that he had been sacked.
- If he had used the power of ICT he would have saved himself the humongous embarrassment.

#### **HOW CAN YOU ACCESS TECHNOLOGY?**

- As students, cost of technology might be outside the reach of most of you.
- To facilitate self development through ICT, students could:
  - Form Internet study Groups and seek opportunities for ICT skills acquisition
  - Take advantage of government and private sector initiatives like Computer In School Initiative (CISI) as well as the Internet In School Initiative (ISI)
  - Save towards buying basic ICT facilities
  - Take the use of ICT tools as a primary hobby
  - Seize every opportunity to learn a new thing about how ICT tools can be used to improve your education; your career; your life

### POINTS TO PONDER

- ✓ Your attitude determines your altitude. -Vince Lombardi
- ✓ "Think, Believe, Dream, Dare! Walt Disney
- ✓ "You may be disappointed if you fail; but you are doomed if you don't try" Beverly Sills
- ✓ Go into the world; attain your full potential; and conquer!

## THANK YOU



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